



INTERVIEW SUMMARY
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Name: William "Will" Adams, III ("WITNESS")
C/O Gold Medal Disposal, Inc.
61st Street and Passyunk Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19153

Affiliation: Former Employee of William Adams and Sons Hauling

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Type of Interview: In-Person

Date of Interview: December 13, 2005

On December 13, 2005, the WITNESS was interviewed at his business, Gold Medal Disposal, Inc., 61st Street and Passyunk Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Michael McCloskey, Senior Investigator, of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the Potentially Responsible Party search currently being conducted under Task 0001 Site 2 for the Lower Darby Creek Area Site in Delaware County, Pennsylvania (the "Site.") This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS stated that he is not represented by an attorney in this manner and does not want an attorney present. The interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site. This aerial photograph was used as a reference throughout the interview. The aerial photograph used during this interview will be forwarded under separate cover.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with William Adams and Sons Hauling and the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that William Adams and Sons Hauling was formed by his great grandfather, William Adams, in 1898. The WITNESS stated that his father, William Adams, Jr., took over the business in approximately 1956, and the business continued until the death of his father in 1993.

The WITNESS stated that he worked for his father on a part-time basis beginning in 1970 when he was approximately eleven years old. The WITNESS explained that he rode in the trash trucks with his father and learned the waste hauling business as a young child.

The WITNESS stated that William Adams and Sons owned and operated two rear-end packer trucks and one lugger truck. He indicated that the company also owned approximately thirty lugger containers ranging in size from one-cubic yard to eight-cubic yards.

The WITNESS explained that the containers were placed at customers' locations and were picked up by the lugger truck.

When asked the names of customers from whom William Adams and Sons picked up and disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he could not recall any specific locations. The WITNESS explained that he only worked part-time for his father during the 1970s and was very young.

The WITNESS stated that he recalls visiting the Clearview Landfill with his father. He indicated that his father and Richie Heller were good friends, and the visits that he recalls were social.

The WITNESS stated that he does recall William Adams and Sons disposing of ash at the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he does not recall where the ash was picked up. The WITNESS stated that the City of Philadelphia operated numerous incinerators, and he believed the ash was from one of the city incinerators.

The WITNESS stated that the following individuals were adult employees of William Adams and Sons during the 1960s and 1970s, and would have specific information regarding the Clearview Landfill:

- James "Jimmy" Hills
- Richie Fizzard

The WITNESS stated that he believes both Fizzard and Hills are still living.

When asked if he recalls other waste haulers that were operating in the early 1970s, the WITNESS provided the following:

- 20th Century Hauling: The WITNESS stated that this company is still in business.
- Ace Hauling.
- Lafferty Brothers.
- Quickway Refuse.
- Lawrenson Trash.

The WITNESS stated that there were numerous other waste hauling companies at that time. He was unable to recall any further names.

The WITNESS stated that Gold Medal Disposal, Inc. has been in business since 1994.

The WITNESS was asked if William Adams and Sons had any industrial clients during the time period the Clearview Landfill was in operation. The WITNESS stated that the eight yard

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containers were used for industrial locations. William Adams and Sons owned and used numerous eight yard containers and operated a lugger truck to pick up these containers. The WITNESS was unable to recall any specific names of industrial companies that were customers of William Adams and Sons.

When asked to identify the area in which William Adams and Sons operated, the WITNESS stated that he recalls most of their customers were in Delaware County and a few in western Philadelphia.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(Name)

Interviewer's Comments and Suggested Follow-Up Interviews

Interviewer Comments: The WITNESS was cooperative and forthcoming.

The WITNESS provided the names of employees of William Adams and Sons who will have information regarding waste disposal at the Clearview Landfill.

When asked if he wanted his name kept confidential to the extent possible, the WITNESS stated that he did not care.

Suggested Follow-Up Interviews:

- James "Jimmy" Hills
- Richie Fizzard